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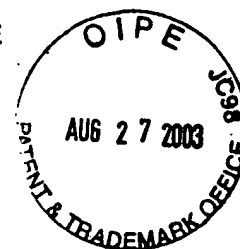
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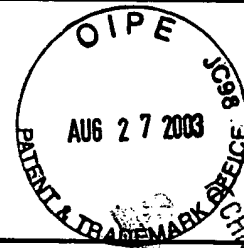
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RESPONSE

This election of species response is responsive to the Official Action mailed July 28, 2003 (Paper No. 5), the date of response to which is August 28, 2003.

Applicants elect with traverse the identified Species II and identifies claims 27-38 and 40-42 which are believed to read on Species II.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that there are two separate inventions set forth in the outstanding Official Action and although applicants believe that the restriction requirement is improper pursuant to PCT Rule 13.1, applicants appreciate the Examiner's decision to divide this application into two separate inventions if a generic claims cannot be crafted.

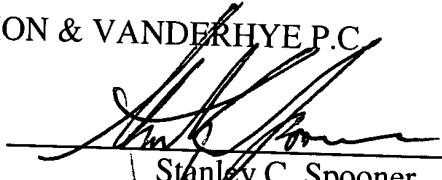
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Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that the claims directed to elected Species II, i.e. claims 27-38 and 40-42, are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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